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subclass 7, for prosecution at this time. Accordingly, non-elected claims 10-14 and 46-49, have been canceled. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) based on claims 46-49.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7 and 10-50 are now pending in the subject U.S. patent application. Claims 1, 3-7 and 10-50 as filed have been subjected to a Restriction/Election Requirement.

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement, applicants have elected the claims of Group A, Species 1, claims 1, 3-7, 15-45 and 50, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

CONCLUSIONS

Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney. Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

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Deposit Account


Although no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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